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REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 15-36, and 38-39 were pending in the patent application.

Claims 1-10, 31-36 and 39 stand rejected. The Examiner has indicated that Claims 15-30, 36, and 38 are allowable but objected to but would be allowed if rewritten to depend from an allowable base claim.

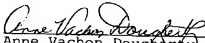
Applicants again point out to the Examiner that Claims 15, 21, and 36 are independent claims and do not depend from a rejected base claim. Accordingly, Applicants request reconsideration of the objection to Claims 15-30, 36 and 38.

Applicants have canceled the non-allowed claims and believe that the remaining claims, claims 15-30, 36 and 38 are in condition for allowance.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments, withdrawal of the objections, and allowance of the claims.

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